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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Assistant Director, OHR

**SUBJECT:** Comments on Coordination Staff Papers on Concept and Management of NIS Program

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum to Members of the Coordination Staff from Assistant for Coordination, dated 15 March 1963, Subject: Concept and Management of NIS Program

1. I have compared the portion of the NIS Standard Instructions entitled "Nature, Purpose, and Scope of the NIS Program" with the two draft papers that are proposed as replacement. There are basic differences which appear to be as follows:

a. The new papers provide for a very tight USIB control which did not exist formerly.

b. The NIS Committee previously was to keep the JCS informed (See page 3, paragraph 2, NIS Committee, Standard Instructions), but had much more freedom of action than is currently proposed.

c. The basic concept has been changed so that all lower planning and operational basic intelligence is removed from the NIS.

d. CIA, under the proposed committee organization, will have representation on the NIS Committee in addition to the Chairman. The previous instructions stated, "The representative of the Director of Central Intelligence is the Chairman of the Committee."

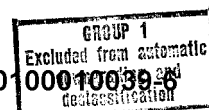
2. Specific comments on the draft papers are as follows:

Concept of the NIS Program (First Paper)

par. 1, 1.2 Delete "as a foundation." Not necessary.

par. 1 Delete the entire last sentence, "To meet additional basic intelligence needs . . . contained in the NIS." Not a part of the concept of the NIS, therefore not appropriate in this paper.

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- par. 3 Is this paragraph necessary? It was included in slightly different form in the earlier Standard Instructions; however, it seems to pertain to basic intelligence production other than the NIS. Isn't this collection done within the various agencies, and wouldn't one assume that each has additional data beyond those reflected in the NIS of the new concept?
- par. 3, 1. 1 If retained, delete the hyphen in "over-all". (WFO Style Manual; also at variance with usage in line 1 of second paper.)
- par. 4, 1. 8 Shouldn't the "Chapter I" be replaced by "General Survey"? According to information received from OSI (in the form of minutes of the Planning Conference for Panama), the "Chapter I" is no longer used. Has this change had USIB approval?
- par. 4, 1.14-15 Introducing currency of information here seems inadvisable. The second paragraph states that the information is to be "relatively unchanging, fundamental characteristics,..." I suggest deletion of "which can be kept up-to-date at reasonable intervals."
- par. 4, 1.14-15 If retained, delete the hyphens in "up-to-date". Not a unit modifier here.

Direction and Management of the NIS Program (Second Paper)

- par. 4.c. Delete the entire paragraph. Not appropriate in a directive concerning the NIS Program; stated "over and above the NIS." (See also recommended deletion of the last sentence in paragraph 1 of the first paper.)

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